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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.378(e), filed April 7, 2011, requesting reconsideration of a prior decision which refused to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee under 37 CFR 1.378(c) for the above identified patent.

The renewed petition is found to comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 41(c) and 37 CFR 1.378(c) (d) and (e). Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The 7 ½ year maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

It is noted that the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If appropriate, a change of address should be filed in accordance with MPEP 601.03. Petitioner is reminded, however, that the mere filing of a change of correspondence address does not affect fee address. Therefore, if petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding any Maintenance Fee Reminder which may be mailed regarding maintenance fees for the above-identified patent, an appropriate "fee address" and/or "customer number" form should be submitted to the Maintenance Fee Division. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

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